IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A recording medium comprising:

a first memory for storing encrypted content material via
a first write operation;

a recording indicator for generating and storing a unique
identifier at each occurrence of the first write operation; and

a second memory for storing, via a second write operation,
a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted
content material is stored.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as claimed in
claim 1, wherein:

the secure item includes an encrypted key for facilitating
a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key
being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as claimed in
claim 1, wherein:

the recording indicator includes a counter incremented by
a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted
content material.

4.   (Currently Amended)   A rendering device for rendering content material corresponding to encrypted content material contained on a recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator ~~containing an original value~~for

5   generating and storing an original unique identifier and subsequently a current ~~value~~unique identifier ~~depending upon~~in response to first write operations of said encrypted content material being written into the recording medium, the rendering device comprising:

10   one or more decrypters for decrypting the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording indicator, said one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current ~~value~~unique identifier of the recording indicator corresponds to the original ~~value~~unique identifier of

15   the recording indicator; and

          a renderer configured to render the content material.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

          an authorization device for controlling the renderer based on a usage-measure associated with the recording medium, and a

5   validity period associated with the content material.

6. (Currently Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

a key generator for creating a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator,

5 and wherein the one or more decrypters decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key based on the current ~~value~~ unique identifier of the recording indicator.

7. (Currently Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the one or more decrypters include:

a first decrypter for decrypting a doubly encrypted content key based on a private key of the rendering device to

5 provide a singly encrypted content key;

a second decrypter for decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key that is based on the current ~~value~~ unique identifier of the recording indicator to provide a content key; and

10 a third decrypter for decrypting the encrypted content material based on the content key to provide the content material.

8. (Currently Amended) A provider of content material comprising:

a recorder for recording encrypted content material and a corresponding secure item on a recording medium, said recorder

5   comprising:

a first input for receiving content material;

a second input for receiving a content key;

a first encrypter for encrypting the content material based on the content key;

10   means for writing the encrypted content material on the recording medium in a first writing operation;

a third input for receiving a ~~recording indicator~~unique identifier from the recording medium in response to the first writing operation, said recording medium having a recording

15   indicator for generating and storing a unique identifier at each occurrence of a first writing operation;

a second encrypter for generating the secure item based on ~~a value of the recording indicator~~the unique identifier received from ~~of~~ the recording medium; and

20   means for writing the secure item on the recording medium in a second writing operation.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein the content material provider further comprises:

an allocator for allocating rendering rights associated

5   with the encrypted content material,

and wherein the recorder further records the rendering rights on

the recording medium.

10.   (Currently Amended)   The content material provider as

claimed in claim 8, wherein

the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the

content key based on the ~~value of the recording indicator~~unique

5   identifier.

11.   (Previously Presented) The content material provider as

claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further

comprises:

one or more encrypters for providing the secure item.

12.   (Currently Amended)   The content material provider as

claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further

comprises:

a key generator for generating a unique key based on the

5   ~~value of the recording indicator~~unique identifier; and

one or more encrypters for encrypting the content key

based on the unique key to produce the secure item.

13. (Currently Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:

a first encrypter for encrypting the content key based on
5   a unique key that is dependent upon ~~a value of the recording indicator~~the unique identifier to produce a singly encrypted content key; and

a second encrypter for encrypting the singly encrypted content key based on a public key that is associated with a
10 rendering device to produce a doubly encrypted content key corresponding to the secure item.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of providing content material, the method comprising the steps:

recording encrypted content material on a recording medium in a first write operation, the encrypted content material being
5   dependent upon the content material and a content key; and

recording a secure item on the recording medium in a second write operation, the secure item being dependent upon a ~~recording indicator~~unique identifier generated by and stored in the recording medium upon each first write operation.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises the step:

recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted

content material on the recording medium.

16. (Currently Amended)   The method as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the ~~recording~~

~~indicator~~unique identifier; and

5   encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce

the secure item.

17. (Currently Amended)   The method as claimed in claim 14,

wherein the method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the ~~recording~~

~~indicator~~unique identifier;

5   encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce

a singly encrypted content key; and

encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a public

key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure item.

18. (Currently Amended)   A method of rendering content material

from a recording medium that includes encrypted content material,

an encrypted content key, and a ~~recording indicator~~unique

identifier generated by and stored on the recording medium each

5   time said encrypted content material is recorded on said recording

     medium, the method comprising the steps:

             determining a unique key based on the ~~recording~~

     ~~indicator~~unique identifier;

             decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique

10   key to provide a content key;

             decrypting the encrypted content material based on the

     content key to provide the content material; and

             rendering the content material.

     19.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 18,

     wherein:

             the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and

             the step of rendering the content material is dependent

5   upon the rendering rights.

     20.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 18,

     wherein the step of decrypting the encrypted content key includes:

             decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private

     key to provide a singly encrypted content key; and

5   decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the

     unique key to provide the content key.